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Washington, Jan. 7.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester and intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, was dismissed from the service of the United States yesterday by President Taft for insubordination. Associate Forester Overton W. Price and Assistant Game Warden Alexander C. Shaw, Pinchot's immediate assistants in the forestry bureau, followed their chief out of the government's employ.

**Dignity of Office Attacked.**—Thoroughly indignant over the action of Mr. Pinchot in inducing Senator Delivered of Iowa to read a letter from him in the senate yesterday, President Taft would listen to no advice today that the forester's violation of executive orders be overlooked, sending the inquiry soon to be undertaken by Congress of the declared dignity of the office he was chosen by the people to fill was being attacked and he would be unwilling to let him be submitted longer.

**Practically a Defeat.**—Mr. Taft realized fully what the dismissal of Forester Pinchot means in a political way. He had been convinced for some time that the so-called insurgents and other enemies of his administration enlisted the services of Mr. Pinchot and practically were denying him to relieve Pinchot of his office.

The letter of yesterday few have doubt, was written with the purpose of "putting it squarely up to the president."

**President Ready for the Battle.**—The president sought to avoid the threatened war as long as he could, but declared today that patience had ceased to be a virtue. He picked up the gage of battle thrown down by Mr. Pinchot by the hand of Senator Delivered in the senate and with the administration supporters he is ready for the fray which is certain to ensue.

**Most Tense Situation in Years.**—Political observers in Washington declare that the situation created by today's developments is more tense than many years. What the outcome will be no one is willing to prophesy.

**Cannon Less First Fight With Insurgents.**—In the house of representatives today Speaker Cannon lost his first fight with the insurgents, combining with the democrats they forced the adoption of an amendment to the Forester-Pinchot inquiry resolution, taking from the speaker the power to appoint the committee of investigation. The margin of victory was a narrow one of three votes, but the insurgents and democrats are jubilant tonight.

The dismissal of Pinchot has lent fuel to the flame of factionalism and many are venturing on all manner of predictions as to what is to happen in the future.

Three republicans, not classed as insurgents, but professing their friendship for Pinchot, combined with the insurgents and democrats for the selection of the committee of investigation by election from the floor.

These two incidents, at the capital and White house, have created a political ferment all day.

**Long Special Session of Cabinet.**—The cabinet was in special session practically during the entire afternoon, after the regular session had adjourned.

Secretary Ballinger, cognizant of the action that was to be taken, remained away from the afternoon sitting. It was at the end of this special session tonight that the president made public his decision to dismiss Mr. Pinchot, notifying him that his services as a public servant under the present administration were at an end.

**Secretary Wilson One of Chief Accusers.**—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Pinchot's immediate superior, it appears, was one of the forester's chief accusers. He told President Taft that he advised Mr. Pinchot not to send the letter to Senator Delivered and that Pinchot told him, asking for help in mind, and "could induce Senator Delivered to read it" on the very day that President Taft's special message transmitting the attorney general's exoneration of Secretary Ballinger was to be presented to the senate.

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Mr. Taft in his letter accuses Pinchot of having taken his stand against Secretary Ballinger wholly upon the evidence adduced by L. R. Glavis and without regard for the evidence on the other side on file in the interior department. The letter directing Secretary Wilson to dismiss the forester forthwith was carefully framed during the afternoon sitting of the cabinet and was revised several times before being finally made public. It is President's own statement of the case.

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# Cabled Paragraphs

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Cadix, Spain, Jan. 7.—A hurricane today wrecked the village of La Iruia near the Gibraltar boundary line in this province. Forty houses fell.

Berne, Jan. 7.—The Marquis Casanovi, who for three years has held the post of Italian minister to Switzerland, has been notified of his appointment as ambassador to the United States in succession to Baron Mayor des Planches.

Rome, Jan. 7.—No official action looking to the transfer of Ambassador Des Planches from Washington to Constantinople is yet made known, but the transfer is not unlikely. It has been expected that the ambassador would stay at least until the end of the year.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, Jan. 7.—Two hundred and fifty Chinese residents, who refused, fleeing to Laos, in 1908, made a bold attempt to escape from the jail at Bruchsal, Baden, last night. A warden's dog upset the prisoners' plan.

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Zelaya's Deed Illegal. President Madrid, the message further sets forth, after personal investigation of the circumstances under

which the execution took place, declared the execution illegal.

His Extradition May Be Demanded. This expression from the president of Nicaragua may prove of great significance in the future, as it is a possible demand upon Mexico, or upon some other country, if Zelaya should leave Mexico for the extradition of the former president by whose orders Groce and Cannon were executed.

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